

Conrad Fischer PTA Minutes

February 16, 2021 7PM Virtual Meeting

Attendees

22 Participants at tonight's meeting via Zoom

Agenda

After the Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, this meeting began at 7:10.

The January 2021 PTA Minutes have been posted and were voted to be approved by Vanessa /seconded by Becca.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT:

*From the District 205 PTA Council, the main discussion centered on students starting to attend class in person 5 days a week and how this process would look across the district.

*MASCOT SEARCH! The purpose, rules and dates of this Fischer contest were discussed. Entries are due by 4-6-21 and please let Karen or Gwen know if you'd like to be part of the Search committee!

*Snack Cart: A fun idea was presented that will benefit the Fischer Staff. The PTA will purchase a cart with individual snacks to be consumed by the Staff as a token of appreciation. Mrs. Villa will find a permanent location for the cart

*Shamrock Hunt- Various PTA's from Elmhurst are running this event. Be on the lookout with your kids to find 25 hidden Shamrocks around town!

* Fischer, combined with Churchville and Emerson schools, will host a virtual evening meeting with the School Board Candidates on March 17th @ 6:45PM. Send any questions prior to Karen or Gwen.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deposits and withdrawals were discussed for the month leaving the present balance at \$13,988.07.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

REACH: At the last meeting, presenter Dave Beatty gave an excellent presentation about the Math Curriculum and trajectory in the district as well as providing examples of board games (Yahtzee, card games) and apps (Dragon Box) that help build math skills in students.

SERG: The Abbey Center was purchased recently for the new fall site of the #D205 Transition Program;

*If you have a child with an IEP, is compensatory time needed or granted due to COVID? Please let Cortney know so she can relay this feedback;

*Parents in this group are suggested to share their experiences with open forums in the search for a new 205 Superintendent and Board Members.

MEMBERSHIP: 92 Members currently!

MARY DONAHOO FUND: The sub committee met virtually and decided to donate monies from this fund if and when the district charges a student fee for club participation as it did in earlier school years. Mrs. Villa researched the reason behind the \$10 per student fee and learned that it was directed for the individual sponsor stipend. Monies from a designated Fischer PTA fundraiser can keep this fund replenished.

There was a discussion of current clubs running at Fischer now which include: Student Council, Radio Club and Coding Club. Other clubs that are PTA run in different D205 schools include the following: Lego, Soccer, Chess, Cooking and Art Clubs. The pandemic and remote learning has halted some of these clubs but they can be suggested for the 2021-22 school year. A suggestion was made to have a PTA member take a position as the Club Director.

FUNDRAISING: Kristen announced that there will be a Lou Malnati's coupon fundraiser for March with a Spirit Wear sale in April possibly. If you have any ideas for a local Eat -n- Earn location, please let Kristen know.

BOOK FAIR: There will be an online spring book fair which will be BOGO free!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Villa reported the following:

*Picture Day went smoothly- compliments to the involved adults helping out;

*York students are presently tutoring 53 Fischer students in Reading and 18 in Math on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15;

*Fischer is ending Map Test make ups and Cog At testing for 2nd graders will soon begin;

*Attendance concerns and policies addressed;

*MTS (Multi Tiered Support) Meetings are being held with 6 week benchmarking and tried interventions discussed with pertinent students;

*The District provided COVID vaccinations for staff recently and this event went very well;

*Please complete the District 5 Essential Survey. Fischer needs 20% to be completed and currently it is at 2%.

Questions for Mrs. Villa:

How many Fischer students have stayed remote? Roughly 120

Will there be a summer school program for students in the Dual Language Program? Yes but no dates have been selected. There will be an ESY or Extended School Year program in the summer for identified special education students from Fischer. In the past, there has been a summer program for students struggling with math and reading but no date has been set at this time for the summer 2021.

Why are the backpacks so heavy? Can my child keep an extra set of snow pants in the locker? Yes, but only if it is an extra. All items must be returned home daily making the backpacks heavy.

This meeting was concluded at 8:48PM.

The next PTA meeting will be held at 7PM on March 16th via Zoom. All are invited to attend!

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeBosschere, Fischer PTA Secretary